

OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Summary
September 8, 2015
Conference Call

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Discussions of the full committee on September 8, 2015 are summarized below and will be reflected in the committee's next report to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. Meeting summaries and reports to the Board are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Committee Projects

1. Update to the HLA Equivalency Tables

The Policy Liaison briefly updated the Committee on the status of its current project out for public comment. The Liaison noted that to-date, there are three comments in support of the proposal, and that the item is on the non-discussion agenda for the upcoming regional meetings.

2. Changes to KAS: CPRA and Priority for Patients Undergoing Desensitization

The Policy Liaison briefly updated the Committee on the status of the KAS survey. The survey was open from June 4 to September 4. Now that it is closed the KAS subcommittee will analyze the data in conjunction with the Research Analyst to determine the next steps of this project. The committee will fill this subcommittee and begin analysis.

3. Addressing HLA Typing Errors

The Policy Liaison briefly updated the Committee on the HLA Typing Errors Project. Currently, the spreadsheets for Q4 2014 and Q1 2015 need to be reviewed by the subcommittee. The reports have been submitted to HRSA, but the spreadsheets still need to be reviewed according to the new process in order to categorize discrepancies. The committee will fill this subcommittee and begin reviewing the data via the process developed at a past meeting.

4. Histocompatibility Testing Guidance Document

The Committee Chair and the Policy Liaison briefly updated the Committee on the status of this document. The document is approximately halfway completed and needs to be reviewed by the subcommittee. The committee will fill this subcommittee and begin reviewing the document for board approval.

5. Creating a DPB Equivalency Table

Lead by the Committee Chair, the committee discussed the value of adding a DPB equivalency table to the current equivalencies. Committee members discussed the need for such a table and some possible solutions. It was decided that a subcommittee should be formed to investigate this as a project. The committee will begin by staffing this subcommittee, which will begin exploring this as a potential project.

Committee Projects Pending Implementation

6. Histocompatibility Bylaws Rewrite Phase II

The Committee Chair briefly updated the committee on the HLA lab update that would take place in January of 2016. The chair noted that labs will be required to report DQA and DPB following the project's implementation.

Other Significant Items

7. Presentation from SRTR

SRTR presented to the committee, explaining their roles and responsibilities and how that relates to the potential work of the Histocompatibility Committee.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Committee meets every second Tuesday of the month through June, 2016 via conference call from 12-1pm (EST).
- October 29, 2015 (Chicago, Illinois)